Why
Your Generous Support
is sought
For the Maintenance and Expansion of

The FAULKNER HOSPITAL

Jamaica Plain

HEALTH CENTER FOR ALL THE
SOUTH AND WEST ENVIRONS OF BOSTON

CENTRE STREET, NEAR ALLANDALE STREET
JAMAICA PLAIN, MASS.

March, 1927

NEW NURSES' HOME

THE FAULKNER HOSPITAL

WISELY founded and ideally situated, overlooking the Arnold Arboretum in Jamaica Plain, the Faulkner Hospital has been able for twenty-two years to meet every reasonable demand from the surrounding community to whose service it was dedicated.

Open to all, irrespective of race, creed or ability to pay, it is in every sense of the word a Community Hospital, serving not only the immediate surrounding sections—Jamaica Plain, West Roxbury, Roslindale and Brookline—but an ever-widening radius to the southward and westward of Boston proper.

Good Doctor Faulkner, well-beloved physician of old West Roxbury, provided generously for his community as he knew it. He could not foresee the rapid and ominous growth in population, nor anticipate the widespread change in the character of the community that strains the hospital's resources to the limit to-day. More restricted home facilities, coupled with a more general realization of the advantages of hospital treatment and care, have brought about a grave crisis.

The facilities and funds of Faulkner Hospital are no longer adequate to protect the health and meet the growing demands of this community. For the first time an appeal must be voiced to the public for funds for general maintenance and extension.

For many years gifts and legacies to the Faulkner Hospital have been neither large nor numerous, owing to the misapprehension that the original endowment was quite ample. This hospital enjoys no appropriations from City or State, although patients' fees have always been

moderate and a liberal policy has been followed in dispensing free and partial-paid service.

The trustees now face the responsibility of choosing between standing still, letting the community outgrow the institution founded as its health center, or advancing whole-heartedly to meet the greater opportunity for service presented by its changed environs.

Plans are already well under way for a modern Surgical Wing with up-to-date operating and laboratory equipment and seventy (70) beds. This will meet the most serious immediate need, relieving other overcrowded departments.

Faulkner Hospital has a splendid record of achievement as a first-class public institution meeting all the requirements of the Hospital Standardization Committee of the American College of Surgeons. It maintains thirty-three (33) Surgical and Medical beds, ten of which are free, and twenty-one (21) Maternity beds with corresponding cribs. Maternity reservations are always booked far in advance, with a long waiting list for every month. The courtesy staff of 130 eminent surgeons and doctors give unstintingly of their time and skill to patients. The Training School housed in the new Nurses' Home has an enrollment of 60 pupil nurses.

What the future holds for us has been ably summarized by one hospital expert as follows:

> The progressive idea is for one central well-equipped hospital to serve a large area. This hospital should be the Health Center for the whole community, where rich and poor alike can have the best scientific treatment. Such a central hospital can maintain a high standard of medical and surgical work at a low per capita overhead cost, far more desirable for the community good than a crop of small hospitals in adjacent towns. Faulkner Hospital is the logical Health Center for the South and West environs of Boston.

An opportunity is now extended to you to share in the fulfilment of this practical vision for community service and health protection that lies before Faulkner Hospital. Gifts and legacies are earnestly sought for expansion and future maintenance. Small contributions will also be gratefully acknowledged toward the continuance of our present liberal policy of free and less-than-cost service.

A Hospital's dividends are paid in community health.

Some idea of the pace set by increasing demands of the community for hospital service in the last six years is indicated by the following comparative figures:

	1920	1926
Population of the community—West Roxbury, Jamaica Plain and Roslindale only included	63,190	78,103
Patients treated	1,056	1,801
Total "patient days" treatment	16,413	27,804
Operations performed	366	787
Babies born	237	421
Daily average of patients	46	71
Hospital capacity in beds (adult)	54	54
(cribs)	21	21

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Confident in the generous support of public-spirited members of the community and friends of the hospital, we ask that donations in the forms of pledges or checks be sent to Ingersoll Bowditch, Treasurer, Faulkner Hospital, Centre Street, Jamaica Plain, Massachusetts.

Bequests should be made in the corporate name of the hospital—"The Faulkner Hospital Corporation."

CHARLES J. NICHOLS,
Chairman of Trustees.

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Chairman Subscription Committee.